

Faith: Tested and True

Lucifer Cast Out

Lesson 1

Isaiah 14:12-21; Ezekiel 28:11-19

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“The just shall live by faith”

Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38

- ▶ Salvation – pass from death to life” (John 5:24)
- ▶ Salvation – endurance . . . to be perfect and complete (James 1:4)
- ▶ True faith
 - A gift of God – not a natural capacity (Ephesians 2:8)
 - Belief in God – He is and He rewards those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6)
 - Belief in God’s Word – Trust in God, displayed by obedience
 - The example of Christ (1 Peter 2:21-23; 4:19; Hebrews 5:8)
- ▶ How do you know your faith is true?
 - Testing (1 Peter 1:7) – necessary
 - The agent of testing: Satan (Ephesians 6:12)
- ▶ The arena of testing
 - The word of God and the ways of God
- ▶ Protected by the power of God through faith (Ephesians 1:5)

Faith: Tested and True

- ▶ Satan – 8 lessons on Satan and his schemes
- ▶ Lamentations – 5 lessons on the ways of God
- ▶ The missing lesson – The armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)
- ▶ Lesson 1: Lucifer Cast Out
 - Who is Satan?
 - Where did he come from?
 - Where is he going?

Who is Satan?

- ▶ Appears throughout the Bible, from Genesis (Job) to Revelation
- ▶ Revelation 20:2
 - The dragon – supernatural monster (Isaiah 27:1; 51:9; Revelation 12, 13)
 - The serpent (Genesis 3)
 - Satan – adversary (Psalm 38:20)
 - Devil – accuser or slanderer (Revelation 12:9-10)
 - A spirit (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12)
 - Lucifer – shining heavenly light; “Venus in the morning” (Latin) (Isaiah 14:12)
- ▶ An evil spirit – not human (Ephesians 6:12)
 - The god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - The ruler of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
 - The enemy of righteousness (Acts 13:30; John 17:15)
 - The prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12)
 - A liar and murderer (John 8:44)
 - Father of sinners (John 8:44)
 - Like a lion seeking to destroy (1 Peter 5:8)
- ▶ The enemy of Christ and Christians (and sinners)

The Origin of Satan on Earth

Isaiah 14:1-14

- ▶ The origin of evil is not revealed in Scripture
- ▶ Israel will taunt the king of Babylon when it is restored to the land (14:1-4)
- ▶ This “king” has been broken and terminated by YHWH (14:5-11)
- ▶ This king, Lucifer (Morning Star), has fallen from heaven (14:12-14)
- ▶ An adversary of God
 - I will ascend to heaven
 - I will raise my throne above the stars of God
 - I will sit in the mount of the assembly (in the north)
 - I will ascend above the clouds
 - I will make myself like the Most High

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Isaiah 14:15-23

- ▶ An adversary of God
 - Incomparable pride
 - Counterfeit god – opponent of Christ
- ▶ The fate of this “king” (14:15-23)
 - “Thrust down to Sheol”
 - His prior subjects will “ponder” his fate
 - The state of subjugated kings is glorious compared to Lucifer
 - A trampled corpse
 - An eternal destiny
- ▶ The “king of Babylon” is an agent of Satan
 - Great glory
 - Great world power
 - Great judgment

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

- ▶ The prince (ruler) of Tyre (28:1-10)
 - A lesser “kingdom” in history – great economic power (28:1-5)
 - Judged for aspiring to be deity, but a mere man (28:6-10)
- ▶ A lamentation for the king of Tyre (28:11-19)
- ▶ An exalted creature
 - Seal of perfection
 - Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty
 - Present in Eden, the Garden of God
 - Great beauty – precious stones used in worship
 - Created
 - A cherub – angelic being

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

- ▶ Exalted position (28:14-15)
 - The anointed cherub who covers (guards)
 - Placed there by Sovereign YHWH
 - On the holy mountain
 - In the midst of stones of fire
 - Blameless from creation
- ▶ Degraded person (15:16-18)
 - Unrighteousness found in him
 - Internally filled with violence
 - “You sinned”
 - Heart lifted up because of his beauty
 - Corrupted wisdom
 - Profaned your sanctuaries

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

- ▶ Degraded position
 - Cast as profane from the mountain of God
 - Destroyed from the stones of fire
 - Cast to the ground
 - Exposed before kings
 - Consumed by fire – turned to ashes on earth
 - A shocking display to all people
 - Cease forever
- ▶ This is the spiritual power behind the prince of Tyre
 - Once a cherub in the presence of God
 - Now the adversary of God, doomed to hell

Lucifer Cast Out

- ▶ We wrestle not against flesh and blood . . . (Ephesians 6:12)
- ▶ Our enemy is a fallen cherub who rules the world of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)
- ▶ He is the literal “anti-Christ,” devoted to the destruction of the work of salvation
- ▶ God uses this unspeakably evil one to demonstrate invincible faith
- ▶ We will study him and his schemes that we may stand firm in the evil day